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## PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
KEIJI KOMOTO ET AL ) : Examiner: Janis L. Dote  
Application No.: 09/987,490 ) : Group Art Unit: 1756  
Filed: November 15, 2001 ) :  
For: IMAGE FORMING METHOD )  
AND APPARATUS : August 4, 2003

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Commissioner for Patents  
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## REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

Sir:

The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner approve the changes  
3 , as shown in red on the attached sketch, enclosed in duplicate. These  
rise designating Figure 8 as "Prior Art" and deleting reference numerals 310  
through 313f, 17, 17a, 21, 200, 35 and 5 in Figures 2- 8, respectively, in  
th the request in the Office Action of March 24, 2003.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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**Signature**

August 4, 2003  
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The new drawing sheets incorporate the changes requested by the Examiner in the Official Action of March 4, 2003.

A copy of this Request for Approval of Drawing Changes is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by  
telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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